



## AGRICULTURAL.

### How Much Wheat to a Barrel of Flour?

The question, "How much wheat does it take to a barrel of flour?" is often asked and the answer is of a general character. "Five bushels are allowed." At the annual fair of the Dubuque County Agricultural Society, in 1856, a premium of \$50 was offered for the best barrel of flour made from winter wheat. A firm entered one barrel of each, accompanied with the statement that sixteen bushels of winter wheat yielded three pounds of flour—at the rate of four bushels and fifteen pounds of wheat to the barrel. Of spring, fifty bushels yielded eleven barrels of flour, being four bushels and thirty-two pounds to the barrel. The wheat was of a fair quality and no more. —Michigan Farmer.

### The Repose of Flowers.

Almost all flowers sleep during the night. The marigold goes to bed with the sun, and with him rises weeping. Many plants are so sensitive that their leaves close during the passage of a cloud. The dandelion opens at five or six in the morning, and shuts at nine in the evening. The common daisy shuts up its "day eyes" in the evening, and opens its "night eyes" to meet the early beams of the morning sun. The crocus, tulip and many others, close their blossoms at sunset, hours towards evening. The ivy, leaved fritillary, opens at eight in the morning, and closes forever at four in the afternoon. It begins to expand its magenta, sweet-scented blossom in the twilight, is fully blown at midnight, and never to open again with the dawn of the day. In a clover field not a leaf opens until after sunrise. So says a celebrated English author who has devoted much time to the study of plants, and often watched them during their quiet hours. Those plants which seem to be awake all night he styles "the bats and owls of the vegetable kingdom."

The Meaneest Man.—Harrison county, according to the Cordon Republicans, can boast the meaneest men in Indiana. A farmer in the north part of that country has his dead father living with him, and employed at low wages. Last week the farmer's child died, and naturally enough the old man attended the funeral of his grandfather. The dutiful son, in settling with his father a few days after the funeral, docked him for the time he had lost in attending the child's burial. As a man in the Union produces a meaner cuss than this heartless and unscrupulous son? Can't the Republicans furnish us the meaneest scoundrel's name, if he has any?—Louisville Commercial.

### MARRIAGE OF DIVORCED PERSONS.

The General Conference of the Methodist Church, South, which recently met at Memphis, Tenn., passed a resolution recommending an amendment to the book of discipline, prohibiting Methodist ministers from performing the marriage ceremony for any divorced party, when husband and wife are still living. The Conference denies the right of man to put asunder those whom God had joined together, and contends that the marriage tie can only be broken by death.

A CURIOUS STORY.—The oldest story in the United States, is one which warns the hall of Virginia's capital, in Richmond. It was made in England and sent to Richmond in 1770, and warmed the house of Burgesses for sixty years before it was removed to its present location, where it has been for thirty years. It has survived three British monarchs; has been contemporaneous with four kings, two republics, and two imperial governments of France.

THE Union and American chronicles a remarkable cancellation of old script, bank notes and Confederate notes, that took place Thursday in the yard of the old Bank of Tennessee. A recent act of the Legislature compelled the destruction of the issues of the banks, and on the day mentioned, many millions of this old representative money was deposited in its funeral pyre and amidst a blaze melted to smoke and went where the woodbins were.

A CURIOUS CONFIRMATION of the superstition which distrusts Friday, in the minds of sailors especially, is said to have resulted from a studied experiment made under the direction of the British admiralty many years ago, for the purpose of exploding the superstition. They resolved to build and fit out a ship, of which the most notable things should expressly coincide with Friday. They laid her keel on Friday, launched her on Friday, named her Friday, shipped the crew on Friday, and set out on her trial voyage on Friday. She was never heard of again.

A GENTLEMAN was endeavoring to enjoy an evening in the company of a young lady upon whom he called, but found a serious obstacle in the person of her stern father, who, at length, ventured to very plainly intone that the hour for retiring had arrived. "I think you are correct, my dear sir," returned the unbroken young man. "We have been waiting to have you go to bed for over an hour."

AMONG some of the South Sea Islands the compound word for hope is beautifully expressive. It is a manasota, or the scowling thought—faith floating and keeping its head above water, and when all the waves and billows are going over—strikingly beautiful definition of hope, worthy to be set down along with the answer which a deaf and dumb person wrote with his pencil, in replying to the question, What was his idea of giveness? "It is the odor which flowers yield when trampled on."

PATRICK Henry left in his will the following important passage:

"I have now disposed of all my property to my family; there is one thing more I wish I could give them, and that is the Christian religion. If they had that, and I had not given them one shilling, they would be rich, and if they had not that, and I had given them all the world, they would be poor."

At the reception of the Cabinet ladies in Washington, this winter, there has been no wine, the only provisions for guests being chocolate or coffee, wine wafers, which are very thin, home made water crackers, and cake. Wine is also customary at evening entertainments.

CAIRO, III., has a ten year old boy with whiskers four inches long.

All Sorts.  
"PULVERIZED hog" is the latest vulgarism for sausages.

SAN Francisco handled 20,000,000 lbs of wool last year.

Two Omaha women have started a fare bank.

The State debt of South Carolina is \$11,000,000.

An orphan girl in Virginia has just smoked herself to death at the age of 100.

A Leavenworth lady announces the marriage of a young lady named "Sierra Nevada Latta."

A very full stomach in a horse always crowds his lungs so that he cannot go fast.

The new hammer in the Bessemer steel works at Harrisburg, Pa., weighs 35,000 pounds, and cost \$2,000.

The Second Regiment of Prussian Landwehr, composed almost entirely of married men, left over 8,000 children at home.

St. Patrick is needed in India. For the year 1869, in one Presidency alone, 114,416 people died from snake-bite.

EVERY moderate drinker could abandon the intoxicating cup, if he would; every inebriate would if he could.

A St. Joseph wife shot her husband the other night for deceiving her. He promised to buy her a muff, and didn't.

An Ohio woman has sued her husband for divorce because he refused to believe in the damnation of unborn infants.

"MILLER" is almost a forgotten notion. It has "gone up" although none of its adherents have.

The well known Mountain House, in the flume of the White Mountains, has been destroyed by fire. It was erected in 1849.

THE Albany Argus says that the late St. Stephens was unmarried, but had eleven illegitimate children, many of them mulatto.

KANSAS will pay its outstanding debt, amounting to \$239,000, during the current month, and will still have a large balance in the treasury.

THE Primitive Baptists of Georgia are forbidden to avail themselves of the bankrupt or homestead laws, under penalty of excommunication.

A LADY in Fong-ku Lao slipped on the ice, and broke her leg, and the first remark she made after the accident, was "I wonder if Harry will marry me now."

THEY have on exhibition in Berlin "a stone maiden," said to be a petrified young lady, who was buried alive by the Inquisition in Spain many hundred years ago.

In the year 1870 the United States exported over one million gallons of petroleum, its value exceeding that of the flour exports, and but little less than that of the wheat.

MR. Carver, doing the honors of the table, said to one of his guests, a fashionably dressed girl of the period, "I see that you have plenty of breast, Miss, but do have a little more dressing!"

THEY are more than 28,000 Post Offices in the United States, but only a little over one thousand are of the classes requiring appointments from the President. The others are appointed by the Postmaster-General.

JOHN YOUNG, a young man in Shad-land, saw a lady across the way shaking some apple parings out of a napkin, and mistook it for a handkerchief signal. He called, and was kicked down stairs.

A NEW YORK chemist after years of labor, now announces that he has discovered a new potato will cure all disease for strong drink, two or three good sized potatoes per day for two weeks being enough to do the business.

A speaker at a recent Sunday School Convention at Vincennes, Indiana, related how a cruel parent forbade his daughter to go to church, and how he took every bit of her clothing and locked it up in a trunk; but she went, nevertheless.

LEAVENWORTH is said to boast of a man who is so tall that his likeness cannot be got into one picture. A local artist has painted his head and shoulders, and announced that he will be "continued next week."

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## THE HICKMAN COURIER.

SATURDAY, . . . . FEB. 11, 1871

**Masonic**—Fulton Lodge No. 120, meets regular every 2ND MONDAY NIGHT in each month. Officers—J. H. Davis, W. M. W. D. Corbett, S. W.; J. H. Roulac, J. W. Chas. Baltz, Treas. Robt. W. Davis, Secy.

**Geo. P. ROWELL & Co.** 40 Park Row, New York, and S. M. PITTELL & Co., 27 Park Row, New York, are our sole agents in that city, and are authorized to contract for advertising at our lowest rates.

**ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF MAIL.** The Mail via N. & W. Railroad arrives at Hickman at 4:45 p. m., and departs at 4:00 a. m. every Sunday. Mail closed at 8 p. m. The Post Office opens from 8 to 10 o'clock Sunday morning. Positively no business done after 10 o'clock.

**For the Legislature.** We are authorized to announce B. R. WALKER, as a candidate to represent the people of Hickman and Fulton counties in the next State Legislature.

**Only Two Dollars.** We have reduced the price of our paper to Two Dollars a year. Now is the time to subscribe.

**The Horse and Jack.** We are prepared to print horse and jack bills, on shortest notice and lowest prices. Send in your orders. New cuts on hand.

**E. W. STEPHENS.** 8 miles from Hickman, has 30 miles for sale, to good parties. Send in your orders. New cuts on hand.

**The prospect of obtaining a \$20,000 loan for the city of Hickman for the protection of our river front is a failure.**

**Something Rare.** For something rare in the way of canned fruits, jellies, etc., call at Powell Bros'.

**A call is published elsewhere asking A. S. Arnold, of Hickman county, to become a candidate for the Legislature.**

**SEVERAL anonymous communications have been received this week. We publis nothing not accompanied with a responsible name.**

**The name of Dr. J. M. Alexander is frequently mentioned as a probable candidate to represent Hickman and Fulton counties in the next State Legislature.**

**THOMAS E. GLESON** is called on in this issue to become a candidate to represent Hickman and Fulton counties in the lower branch of our next State Legislature.

**Twelve months ago only the Hickman COURIER and two other papers in Kentucky favored the admission of negro testimony in our State Courts, but to day only three papers in the State oppose it.**

**LEGAL INFORMATION.**—Attention is directed to the law card of Johnston & Daubar, Mayfield, Ky., who propose practising in the courts of Graves, McCracken, Ballard, Hickman, Fulton, Marshall and Calloway. They are clever, popular gentlemen, and able, responsible attorneys.

**NEW FLOURING MILL.**—Mr. W. G. McPherride, a mill man of large experience, was in Hickman Thursday last, prospecting in regard to establishing a new flouring mill at this place. We learn his conclusions were favorable. Mr. Mc. is an energetic, thoroughly enterprising man, and possesses the essential vim of character which will make him a valuable acquisition to any town.

**RUNYON'S Hog Cholera Medicine.** Our friend W. R. Walker, Druggist, has bought the exclusive right for Fulton County to prepare and sell this celebrated remedy for Hog Cholera. This specific is said to be an almost certain cure and prevention, and is so recommended by many of the largest hog raisers in the State. Mr. Walker is alone entitled to make and sell the medicine, and all wishing to give it a trial must apply to him.

**Altar and Tabernacle Society.** The ladies of the Congregation are respectfully requested to attend the second meeting of the Altar and Tabernacle Society, at the Catholic Church, Sunday February 12, at 2 p. m.

**Mrs. WHITTING, Pres.**

**M. R. LAUDERDALE, Secy.**

**NEW MAIL ROUTE ESTABLISHED.**—The Postmaster General has advertised for proposals for carrying the mail from Hickman, Ky., to Dyerburg, Tenn., from July 1, 1871, to June 30, 1874. This route runs from Dyerburg, via Kelley's Store, Robinson's Store, Obion City, and Wilsonville, to Hickman, 52 miles and back, once a week. Leaves Dyerburg Thursday at 7 a. m., arrives at Hickman next day by 12 m.; leaves Hickman Friday at 1 p. m., arrives at Dyerburg next day at 7 p. m. Proprietary will be received until 3 p. m. March 1, 1871, and decision announced by or before March 30, 1871. Parties desiring to obtain this contract can get blank applications of the postmaster at Hickman, and also all necessary instructions. The contract will be awarded to the lowest and best bidder, and those desiring to apply should do so at once.

**I. O. O. F.**

Bro. S. X. Hall will deliver a Lecture on the subject of Odd Fellows, on the 22d inst., at the Methodist Church, at 7 o'clock p. m., all members in good standing are respectfully invited to attend, as well as the citizens of Hickman and vicinity.

**Members Fulton Lodge, No. 83, will meet at their Lodge Room at 6 o'clock, and march in procession to the Methodist Church.**

**JNO. C. STEELE,**

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**Committee of Arrangement.**

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In this county, on the 29th ult., Mr. CHARLES CAMPBELL, of infarction of the brain.

## Public Meeting—Negro Testimony.

According to previous announcement, a very respectable meeting in point of numbers met at the Court House on Monday the 6th instant—it being County Court day, Dr. J. M. Alexander was called to the Chair and J. T. Bynum, appointed Secretary.

The chairman explained the object of the meeting in a few appropriate remarks, and on motion of C. L. Randle, a committee was appointed by the chair, consisting of C. L. Randle, Dr. Usher, P. J. Oliver, W. B. McConnell, and Henry Campbell, to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the meeting upon the subject of negro testimony in the courts of this State. During the absence of the committee on resolutions, speeches were made by several gentlemen composing the meeting. The following preamble and resolutions were reported by the committee and read; whereupon a discussion took place, in which Jno. A. Lauderdale, A. D. Kingman, C. L. Randle and N. N. Cowgill participated. Major Lauderdale offered the following proviso to the last resolution:

**Provided,** That our Legislators are not instructed to vote for said measure unless assured that it will result in removing the jurisdiction of the Federal courts in special favor of negroes to the State courts where it properly belongs.

Which, after some discussion, was withdrawn.

On motion, the preamble and resolutions as drawn up by the committee were adopted unanimously, and are as follows:

**WHEREAS,** there is much trouble and annoyance now existing because of the conflict of our State law and the law of the Federal Government, whereby the various States court under the Civil Rights Bill, arrest our citizens and take them before District tribunals and try them before courts and juries opposed to them in politics, and inimical to them in personal feelings, thereby placing all said citizens in every disadvantage in the trial of their cases and putting them to enormous expense and trouble not known in our State courts, and **WHEREAS**, said Civil Rights Bill and the laws of Congress, all of our State judicial officers are liable at any time if they obey the State law and refuse negro testimony to be indicted and subjected to such heavy fines and penalties as to effectually remove them from office, or keep them from the exercise thereof, thus destroying their independence and efficiency—therefore in consideration of the premises, be it by the Democrats of this meeting:

**Resolved,** That we believe that sound policy and common sense demand that the Kentucky Legislature should at once put an end to the inconvenience and oppression of our people, and judicial officers by passing a law admitting negro testimony in our State courts, and let such courts and the juries thereof, give to such testimony such weight and credibility as may be deemed right by them.

**Resolved,** That our Representatives in the House of Representatives should do all they can to remove our troubles in this respect and vote for an amendment to our law of evidence, whereby this end can be secured.

**Resolved,** That the Hickman COURIER, Columbus Dispatch, Mayfield Democrat, Paducah Herald and Paducah Kentucky, be requested to publish these proceedings.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to forward a copy of the preamble and resolutions to each one of our Representatives.

**J. M. ALEXANDER, Ch'm.**

**St. Valentine's Day.**—St. Valentine's day approaches! This anniversary observed for centuries, has it's devotees in all enlightened countries. All classes, but especially the young, hail it's approach. J. H. Davis, our enterprising book dealer, appreciating the taste and desiring to conserve to the pleasure of the public, is supplied with Valentines of every device, style and description, the artistic, sentimental, humorous, gay, festive, etc., etc.

**Pass Him Around.**—The Trigg County Democrat has been pestilential to Prof. W. J. Hancock, a prominent member of the Church, who is then teaching school at Cadiz Ky., for some twelve months or more, it seems that the Professor had taken a trip to Virginia and on his return reported that his wife had died on the 10th, Aug. 1870, in Caroline Co., Va. But in a few months the grief-stricken professor, forgot all his sorrows and commenced to call upon the fair sex and was gay, ah! muchly gay.

But he was brought to a sudden stop by the fact being made known that he had lied, his wife was not dead but alive and well.

**That old Saddler.**—A. S. ANDERSON, pays cash for hides' tail, bow, was-fur, furs, &c. Saddlery reduced prices, such as collars, chaises, bridles, harness (single and double) sidesaddles, men and boys saddles of every description in fact everything a farmer wants in his line of business.

**Take A Drink.**—Temperature societies are not modern institutions. "As long ago as the year 1517 there was established a pledged society of monks, called the Order of St. Christopher, who agreed to drink nothing stronger than beer. And in 1600 a temperance association was founded by Mounes, Duke of Hesse, which, however, allowed a knight to drink seven glasses at each meal, but only twice in the day. If this was the temperance of those good knights, one cannot help wondering what their intemperance would be.

The lawlessness to prevent drunkenness are among the curiosities of legislation. Their stringency and ineffective character by no means begin with the Maine law, but are older than the Roman empire.

Domitian ordered all the vine plants in Italy to be rooted out. Draco provided capital punishment for drunkards. The Athenians had regularly appointed officers to prevent excesses in the wine yards.

Rome at one time no patriots was allowed the use of wine until he had attained his thirtyfifth year.

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## Oscar Turner on Ku-Klux Bill.

We find in the Louisville Commercial of February 4th, the following synopsis of the remarks of Hon. Oscar Turner, in the Senate, in support of his amendment to the Ku-Klux bill, which amendment subsequently passed by a vote of 19 to 10:

Mr. Turner spoke in favor of his amendment to strike out the section placing a fund in the Governor's hands. He thought some few crimes had occurred in the last year in any of the New England States. The action of the press and certain members in getting up this hurr over Ku Klux, etc., was sensational. He was opposed to lawlessness, but why take this extraordinary measure to suppress crimes that were common in all States? He referred to the Seymour, Indiana, and Metropolis, Illinois, "regulating," in proof of his position. There was more peace in Kentucky than in New York city. He was opposed to infusing the public mind and exciting public opinion to offenses that amount to nothing. These offenses occurring in the State ought not to be magnified. He thought the law, if enacted, would be a dead letter upon the statute book, and if alive inoperative; it must be supported by the public sentiment. If the moral sentiment of any localities where they are published? He thought they must be punished? For him to sign a paper which they are not in the mob law. The sentiment of many communities supports the mob law. The resignation of Gambetta it is believed indicates the abandonment of all hopes of the Republic, and makes the restoration of the Empire certain.

**THE CONFERENCE.**—London, Feb. 7.—Fifty cars with provisions entered Paris on the 3d, bearing the inscription, "London's gift to Paris."

**WILL THE ARMISTICE BE PROLONGED?**—London, Feb. 8.—A Brussels correspondent of the Telegram says that Odo Russell has been instructed not to sustain any extension by France for an extension of the armistice at the end.

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